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News and information about and for the
 University Community from the Chancellor's Office

UMass Boston Senior Testifies in Washington Regarding President's National Service Plan

UMass Boston senior **Amanda Burton** was among seven college students from across the country to testify in Washington, D. C. this week on President Clinton's proposed national service plan. Burton, who will graduate in June with a degree in psychology, addressed members of Congress and cabinet officials on specifics of the concept, which would permit students to pay off their college loans or earn credits toward covering future tuition costs by working on community service projects. Last summer Burton and fellow UMass Boston students **Bob Perry** and **John Sakorasas** began studying the Clinton proposal. "Overall, this is a worthy plan that will help relieve some of the enormous financial burden of going to college while providing students with meaningful work," says Burton, assistant coordinator of the University's Center for Educational Rights, a student-run organization. "But there are several important items that I'd like to see included. In addition to loan forgiveness, students need to receive a stipend, and some level of child care and health insurance should be available. The program also needs to be flexible enough to accommodate older students." Burton's testimony aired on the C-Span television network and National Public Radio.

Dance Skating Pair Places Third At World University Games in Poland

A UMass Boston figure skating duo finished third in the pairs dance competition at the recent Winter World University Games held in Zakopane, Poland. **Wendy Millette** of Concord and **Jason Tebo** of Northborough, both of whom are students at the University, were the highest finishers among three dance pairs representing the United States Figure Skating Association at the international meet. Millette, 21, a junior, is pursuing a bachelor's degree in psychology at UMass Boston. Tebo, 23, is taking a course in Russian. The pair started skating together two years ago, a few months before Millette transferred to UMass Boston from the University of Delaware. Since then, Millette and Tebo have advanced to the upper echelon of U.S. amateur dance skaters. Last year they placed second at the Basler Cup competition in Basle, Switzerland. Two months ago they were tenth at the U. S. Nationals in Phoenix. "Our performances at Basle and at the World University Games are the best we've had to date," says Millette. "We really feel confident that we'll continue to improve." Millette and Tebo will compete in several events leading up to the U.S. Nationals next January. Only occasionally do they dream about the Olympics. "I try not to set goals," Millette says. "But as long as we keep improving, 1998 is a possibility."

Campus Notes - The third annual Celebration of Black Scholarship dinner on March 24 attracted more than 160 people to the Four Seasons Hotel in Boston. Professor Charles V. Hamilton of Columbia University delivered the keynote address. Clark University professor C. Eric Lincoln received the lifetime achievement award. Since 1991, according to development director Frank Fletcher, the dinner has raised over \$30,000 for the Blackwell Fellowship fund. • Music

professor **David Patterson** has been selected for a Fulbright Senior Scholar award for the spring 1994 semester. He will spend the semester on sabbatical as a lecturer at the University of the Americas in Puebla, Mexico. Patterson, a pianist and composer, will perform concerts at the university and at the Musea Amparo in Puebla. • City council president **Thomas Menino**, who will become Boston's acting mayor when **Ray Flynn** assumes his new post as ambassador to the Vatican, is a CPCS graduate, Class of 1988. • **Barbara Waters** of Chatham, a 1989 graduate of the University's master's degree program in critical and creative thinking, was one of 10 Massachusetts residents to receive the newly established Commonwealth Award, which honors public service in the arts, humanities and interpretive sciences. Waters shared the prize in interpretive sciences with Harvard professor **Stephen Jay Gould**. Waters is a former director of the Cape Cod Museum of Natural History. She currently teaches courses in water cycles and pollution at the Cape Cod Cooperative Extension service in Barnstable. Governor Weld made the award presentation at a recent State House ceremony. • **E.K. Fretwell**, the former interim president of the University of Massachusetts system, will speak at an April 1 colloquium sponsored by the Graduate College of Education and the New England Resource Center for Higher Education. The colloquium will be held from 2:30 to 4:00 p.m. in the Troy Seminar Room on the 2nd floor of Wheatley.

The music department will hold a "Blues in the Night" concert at 8:00 p.m. on April 2 in Snowden Auditorium. The UMB Jazz Band, chamber singers and chorus are slated to perform. Also scheduled to appear: Chancellor **Sherry H. Penney** and her saxophone. Admission is \$10 and proceeds will benefit the performance and teaching certificate programs. • Penney last week accompanied Lieutenant Governor **Paul Cellucci** to the Lynn Chamber of Commerce as the University system's representative. She was helping the Weld administration promote its economic revitalization plan for the state. • Boston University psychology professor **Freda Rebelsky**, winner of the Harbison Danforth teaching award, will lecture at the Harbor Campus on March 31 on strategies for teaching large classes. The discussion will take place from 2:30 to 4:00 p.m. in Room 47 on the 6th floor of Wheatley. It's sponsored by the Center for the Improvement for Teaching. • The McCormack Institute is in the process of selecting a new director, and over the next several weeks is conducting open interviews of its "short list" of candidates. On April 5 UMass Boston political science professor **John Clayton Thomas** will be interviewed from 9 to 11:00 a.m. in the Faculty Lounge on the 11th floor of the Healey Library.

Since its November kickoff, the University's 1992-1993 Annual Fund campaign has received over \$33,000, including a \$10,000 grant from a retired faculty member. • The Litton Foundation has donated an additional \$25,000 to the scholarship fund it established last year for meritorious undergraduates majoring in mathematics, computer science or any of the physical sciences. • On March 28 at 5:00 p.m. WUMB will air a 30-minute program featuring **Elizabeth Sherman**, director of the Women in Politics and Government Program, discussing the increase in political activity among women. • Faculty and staff are invited to a teleconference featuring Yale University professor **James Comer** on March 29 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the auditorium on the lower level of the Healey Library. Professor Comer will be seen live from the Association of School Curriculum Development (ASCD) conference in Washington, D.C., where he'll be discussing his methods for improving the academic achievement of children from low-income backgrounds. • A recently released 300-page study on public policy issues affecting Asian Americans will be discussed on March 30 from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m. in the telecommunications auditorium on the lower level of the Healey Library.